The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Sightsavers, Leonard Cheshire and Light for the World invite you to a Global Disability Summit 2022 side event on:

Inclusive livelihoods – how labour market systems can adapt to improve access to private sector jobs for people with disabilities

On Thursday 17th February 2022, 10.00 am to 11.15 am GMT / 11.00 am to 12.15 pm CET. Register at: https://blue退回_myt-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t79021fWQNefrK5NN_6Ksw

The FCDO-funded projects Innovation to Inclusion, Inclusion Works and InBusiness work with organisations for persons with disabilities (OPDs), private sector institutions and governments in Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and Bangladesh to produce evidence on what works to improve access to formal employment for people with disabilities.

This panel session will explore what approaches have been successful, how they can be adapted and adopted in other contexts, and how real systemic change can be achieved.

The discussion will focus on innovative pathways to employment that are accessible and inclusive of people with disabilities, the role of the private sector including business and disability networks, the opportunities through value chains and the impact of disability confidence schemes, and how OPDs can successfully influence labour markets and policies.

The lessons shared will demonstrate how people with disabilities can be empowered to access jobs, what effective action can be undertaken to influence policies and legislation, and how employers can benefit from inclusive working practices. We will also discuss what specific commitments from GDS 2022 are needed to create meaningful and lasting change.

The session will be introduced Alicia Herbert, director for Education, Gender and Equalities, FCDO, and co-moderated by OPD engagement officers, Betty Najjamba (Uganda) and Liz Ombati (Kenya).

Panel members:

- Jake Epelle, CEO and founder of The Albino Foundation, Nigeria
- Stephen Njenga, programme director for InBusiness project, Light for the World, Kenya
- Phoebe Nyagudi, assistant director for social protection, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Kenya
- Paul Agbai, diversity and inclusion lead, Unilever West Africa
- Salma Mahbub, General Secretary, Bangladesh Society for the Change and Advocacy Nexus (B-SCAN)
- Murteza Khan, CEO, Bangladesh Business and Disability Network (BBDN)